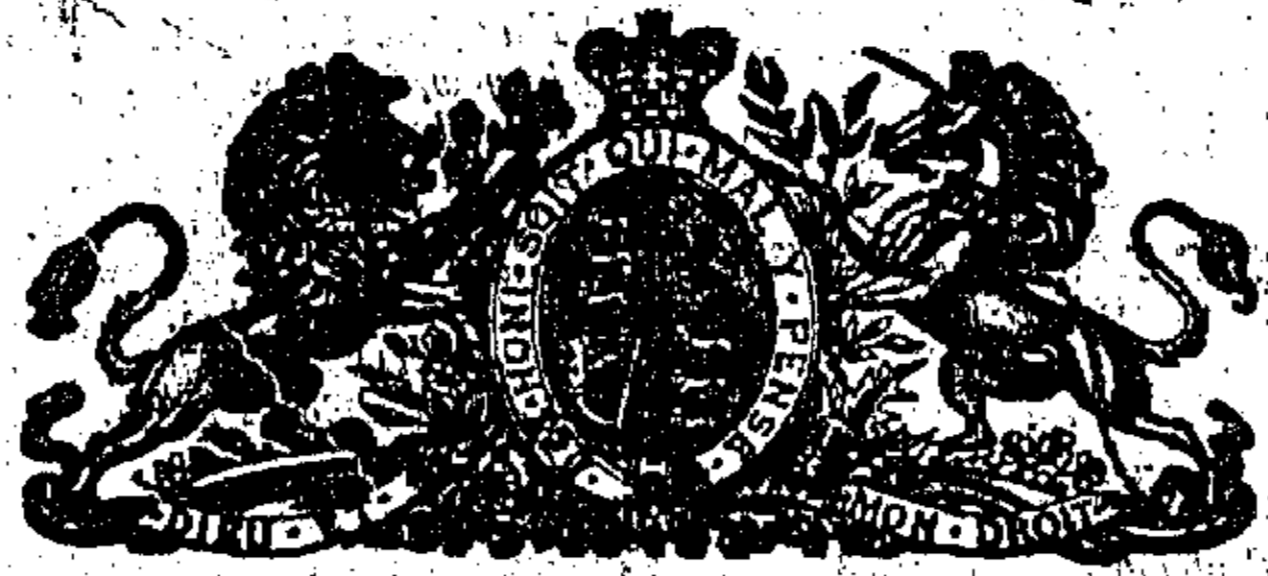


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H. H. NELSON, Manager.
Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

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EXTRA FINE CHICAGO BACON and HAMS.

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Hongkong, August 21, 1878.

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TWO AMERICAN and One ENGLISH Second-hand BILLIARD TABLES, with BALLS, CUES, LAMPS, &c., Complete.

Apply to **D. NOWROJEE,** Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, July 11, 1878.

Intimations.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1877.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December last, in order that the proportion of the Net Profits to be reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st October next will be adjusted by the Company, and no claims or alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1877.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December last, in order that the distribution of TWENTY PER CENT. (20%) of the Profits reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st October next will be adjusted by the Company, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

MOORE & CO., "VARIETY STORE."

NEWS AGENTS and TOBACCONISTS. No. 42, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, September 10, 1878.

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. R. ROGERS begs to say that he intends VISITING AHOA and FOCHOA, leaving Hongkong September 15th, and returning Hongkong 1st.

H. H. NELSON, Manager.
Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

Intimations.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. beg to notify that they have made such Arrangements in connection with their TAILORING DEPARTMENT, that they are now able to Guarantee the PROMPT Execution of Orders.

The Following GOODS Suitable for the present Season have just been received, from which an early Selection is requested.

THIN BLACK SUPERFINE, for Dress Suits.

FANCY BLACK and BLUE CASHMERE, MELTONS, &c., for Morning Suits.

HOME SPUN, FRIEZE, BEAVER, &c., for Ulsters.

SUPERFINE BEAVER, &c., for Suits and Trowersings.

HOME SPUN TWEEDS and ANGOLA, for Summer Suits and Trowersings.

EXTRA THIN TWEEDS and ANGOLA, for Suits.

BLACK, BLUE, and COLOURED SERGES, for Suits.

CORDS, STOCKINETTES and CASSIMERES, for Riding Trowers.

UNIFORMS, LAOE, BUTTONS, &c., for H. B. M. Navy and U. S. Navy.

BULLOCK LANE'S SPECIAL BLEND WHISKY. "S. B. H." The Finest OLD WHISKY, ever imported.

IRISH CONSTABULARY REVOLVERS. Extra Finest ISIGNY BUTTER.

CHARCOAL and SPONGE FILTERS. SILBER LAMPS for Kerosine, in large assortment.

LAWN TENNIS SETS. LADIES' GARDEN TOOLS.

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Very FINE FRESH APPLES, for Box or per Dozen.

Base's DRAUGHT ALB.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, September 8, 1878.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

ON and after 1st SEPTEMBER, RETAIL SALES of the Company's Manufactures will be RESUMED at the REFINERY.

East Point, August 28, 1878.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

SALE OF THE OPIUM FARM.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TENDERS for the PRIVILEGE OF PREPARING and SELLING PREPARED OPIUM within the Colony for the Term of One, Two, or Three Years from the 1st of March, 1879, under the Provision of Ordinance No. 2 of 1855 will be received at this Office until Noon on MONDAY, the 23rd September, 1878.

Each Tender should specify the Monthly Payment offered for the period above-mentioned.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any Tender.

Should the highest Tender be less than the sum the Governor thinks a fair price for the Opium Farm, His Excellency in Council will grant Licenses direct under Section 3 of the Ordinance, and take such further steps as may be necessary to realize a fair price.

By Command, **J. M. PRICE,** Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, August 21, 1878.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

WITH Reference to the above Notification, it is hereby notified that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to extend the period up to which TENDERS will be received to Noon on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd October.

By Command, **J. M. PRICE,** Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, September 6, 1878.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE Following Notice to Mariners is published for general information.

By Command, **J. M. PRICE,** Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 10th August, 1878.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Notice is hereby given that a dangerous rocky patch exists in the fairway into MIRA Bay.

The following Magnetic bearings are from it:

Fung Head, N. 18° W.

South end of Basil Island, N. 67° W.

East Ninpin Rock, and South part of South, S. 85° W.

Ninepin in line, N. 25° W.

North-east Head Tanaka, S. 25° W.

This patch, about 40 feet long by 30 feet broad, extends in a North-east direction with 8 fathoms of water on it at low water springs and 15 fathoms close to.

J. DIXON, Staff Commander, R.N.

H. M. S. Victor Emanuel, Hongkong, 7th August, 1878.

G. FALCONER & Co., WATCH and CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS, and JEWELLERS.

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Hongkong, August 20, 1878.

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MR. SCHÜREN will leave this Colony in a very short time, and advises Amateurs of his Work to apply in time, in order to avoid disappointment.

For the convenience of the Public, Photos will be taken Every Day from 8 a.m. till 12 o'clock Noon.

Hongkong, September 14, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE CITY HALL LIBRARY and MUSEUM will be CLOSED to the Public from the 2nd to the 30th SEPTEMBER NEXT. Residents wishing to refer to Books in the Library during that period can do so by Application to the Secretary.

By Order, **H. L. DENNY,** Secretary.

Hongkong, August 29, 1878.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

NOTICE—CHA SZ OF VICTORIA in the Colony of Hongkong, lately carrying on Business in Partnership with CHA SAM under the Style or Firm of the "TYE LEE HONG," having been adjudicated Bankrupt under a Petition for adjudication in Bankruptcy filed in the Supreme Court of Hongkong on the 12th day of September in the Year of Our Lord 1878, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Honorable CHARLES BUSSE PLUNKET, the Registrar of the said Court, at the First Meeting of Creditors to be held by the said Registrar on WEDNESDAY, the 25th day of September instant, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, precisely at the said Court. The said Honorable CHARLES BUSSE PLUNKET is the Official Assignee and the Undersigned is the Solicitor acting in the Bankruptcy. A Public Sitting will hereafter be appointed by the said Court for the said Bankrupt to pass his final examination and to make application for his discharge, of which sitting notice will be given in the Hongkong Government Gazette.

At the First Meeting of Creditors the Registrar will receive the Proofs of the Debts of Creditors, and the Creditors may elect an Assignee or Assignees of the Bankrupt's Estate and Effects.

Dated this 13th day of September, 1878.

HENRY LARDNER DENNY, Solicitor for the said Bankrupt, 18, Bank Buildings, Hongkong.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR COOKTOWN, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling off the usual Coast Ports, and taking through Cargo and Passengers for New Zealand.)

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "SOMERSET."

Captain L. GAZZ, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY Next, the 17th instant, at Noon, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to **GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,** Agents.

Hongkong, September 13, 1878.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR HOIHOW AND HAIPHONG.

The Steamer "KARO," Captain COLLING, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 18th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to **MEYER & Co.**

Hongkong, September 14, 1878.

FOR LONDON.

The Steamer "ARGENTINO," Captain BARNETT, will be despatched on or about 18th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to **TURNER & Co.,** Agents.

Hongkong, September 14, 1878.

FOR SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

The British Steamer "PALADIN," Captain PARKER, will load here for the above Ports, and will leave on THURSDAY, the 19th inst., at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to **HOP KEE.**

Hongkong, September 10, 1878.

FOR LONDON.

The Steamship "STRATHLEVEN," Captain PEARSON, will be despatched as above on or about the 20th September.

The Strathleven has Superior Accommodation for First-class Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to **DAVIS & Co.,** Agents.

Hongkong, August 29, 1878.

FOR SHANGHAI (DIRECT).

The Steamship "SHUN-LEE," shortly expected from Singapore, will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to **JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.**

Hongkong, September 10, 1878.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "TANAIS," Commandant DE LA MARCELLE, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail from Europe.

H. DU POUY, Agent.

Hongkong, September 7, 1878.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "TIGRE," Commandant LORNIER, will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.

H. DU POUY, Agent.

Hongkong, September 7, 1878.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR MANILA.

The A 1 American Ship "SOUTHERN CROSS," A. HUGHES, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will be despatched on or about the 25th instant.

For Freight, apply to **RUSSELL & Co.**

Hongkong, September 14, 1878.

FOR PORTLAND.

The A 1 American Ship "CENTENNIAL," BEARDS, Master, will load here for the above Port, and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to **RUSSELL & Co.**

Hongkong, September 2, 1878.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Ship "SUMNER E. MEAD," DIXON, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to **RUSSELL & Co.**

Hongkong, August 21, 1878.

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR MELBOURNE and SYDNEY.

The A 1 British Barque "CHARLOTTE ANDREWS," Captain PACE, will load here, and have a quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to **ROZARIO & Co.**

Hongkong, July 15, 1878.

FOR LONDON.

The S 3 L I British Ship "BERTIE BIGLOW," FERGUSON, Master, will load here, and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to **MEYER & Co.**

Hongkong, August 12, 1878.

FOR MANILA.

The A 1 American Bark "REGENT," BOWDOIN, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will be despatched on the 20th instant.

For Freight, apply to **VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.,** Agents.

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Intimations.

HONGKONG-WHAIR & GODOWNS STORAGE.

GOODS RECEIVED ON STORAGE at Cheap Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision, and VESSELS Discharged alongside the WHARF, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch.

MEYER & Co.,
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Hongkong, August 28, 1878. no28

AFONG,

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by appointment, to
H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY,
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and to
H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS
OF RUSSIA.

THE above has pleasure to inform the public of Hongkong that he has obtained the assistance of Mr Griffith (for many years manager and principal operator to Mr Saunders of Shanghai), and having carefully arranged the light of his New Studio and secured the newest and best appliances for obtaining the highest excellence in his work, he is now ready to produce all the Latest Novelties in Photography Portraits.—A large and varied Assortment of Views always ready. Superior Enlargements made at shortest notice.

Studio, QUEEN'S ROAD,
Nearly opposite The Hongkong Hotel.
Hongkong, July 9, 1878.

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Now Ready.
No. 1.—Vol. VII.

"CHINA REVIEW" CONTAINS—

The Chinese in Borneo.
Jottings from the Book of Rites.
The Character 華 or 華.
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Brief Sketches from the Life of K'ung-ming.
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Geographical Notes on the Province of Kiangsi.
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Short Notices of New Books and Literary Intelligence.
Notes and Queries:—
Dutch Doctors in Borneo.
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Locus Operandi in Flogging.
Early Frost in Canton, in 1877-8.
A Chinese Coin.
Annaberg Sovereigns.
Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.
China Mail Office,
Hongkong, Sept. 10, 1878.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

CHINA SEA.

FOOCHOW DISTRICT, No. 3.

NOTICE is hereby given that the HALF-TIDE ROCK BEACON, situated in the River Min 2 miles N.N.E. of the Mingan Pass, will be taken down and Re-built.
A BOAT will be Stationed a short distance to the Westward of this danger, until the completion of the work: a Red Flag will be down at the Mast-head during the Day, and a Red Light exhibited at Night from Sunset to Sunrise.

C. HANNEN,
Commissioner of Customs.

Overton House,
Fuchow, September 5, 1878. se18

MURRAY & LANMAN'S
FLORIDA WATER.

CAUTION.

HAVING Learned that Large Quantities of IMITATIONS of our FLORIDA WATER have recently been imported to Hongkong, we caution the Public against purchasing any that does not bear the name "MURRAY & LANMAN" on the label. Each Bottle of the Genuine is wrapped with a pamphlet printed on paper which has the words "LANMAN & KEMP, NEW YORK" in Water Mark.
Messrs MELOHERS & Co. are our only AGENTS for Sale of the Genuine Florida Water at Hongkong.

LANMAN & KEMP.
New York, July 9, 1878. no20

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

STRATHZERN, British barque, Captain Wm. Anderson.—M. M. Co.
LOANZ, British steamer, Captain Wm. McQuillan.—Melchers & Co.
PARATOS, French barque, Captain J. Pardo.—Kong Kee.

ATA, Danish steamer, Captain C. J. D'Arup.—Meyer & Co.
MAY-NOR, British ship, Captain James M. Leslie.—Olyphant & Co.

BATSWITZ, British barque, Captain W. Dow.—Geo. R. Stevens & Co.
HAMBURG, German barque, Captain H. von Kroge.—Eduard Schellhass & Co.

SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, Boots, or PAPERS will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point.
Hongkong, July 28, 1878.

Notices to Consignees.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steam-Ship "OCEAN KING," from London, PENANG and SINGAPORE, are hereby notified of the vessel's arrival and requested to present their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded to Shanghai unless immediate notice is given that delivery is required at this Port.
Cargo impeding discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 14, 1878. no21
BRITISH BARQUE ADA MELMORE,
FROM LONDON.

THE above-named Vessel having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods. Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

MEYER & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 13, 1878. se20
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUBY,
Agent.

TH 1644, Mr L. Theveulin, from
1 case Luk, } Marseilles.
Ex "Sindh," }
MS (in diam.) 1/4 Order, 6 cases } from
Amoy. Stationery, } London.
ME 1/8 Order, 6 cases Oil, from Marseilles.
Hongkong, September 7, 1878.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

COKE and TAR in Quantities to suit Purchasers, at CHEAP RATES.
Apply to
GAS COMPANY,
West Point.

Hongkong, June 19, 1878. se19

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Price: FIVE DOLLARS, or TWO DOLLARS AND A HALF per Part.
To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.
Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship "OCEAN KING," Captain ROBERT, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 17th Instant, at 9 a.m., instead of as previously advertised.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 16, 1878. se17

FOR SWATOW.

The Steamship "OLYMPIA" will leave for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 17th Instant, at 11 a.m., instead of as previously advertised.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
KWOK ACHONG.
Hongkong, September 16, 1878. se17

FOR MANILA.

The Steamship "ALBANY," Capt. F. ASHROD, will be despatched for the above Port on TUESDAY, the 17th Instant, at Noon, instead of as previously advertised.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFLAKE & Co.
Hongkong, September 16, 1878. se17

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship "NINPO," R. CASE, Master, will be despatched for the above Port on TUESDAY, the 17th Instant, at 4 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, September 16, 1878. se17

FOR LONDON.

The British Steamer "IMBAY," Capt. STEWART, is expected on Sat day, the 21st Inst., and will have quick dispatch as above.
For Freight, apply to
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents,
or to Messrs THOMAS & MEYER,
Canton.
Hongkong, September 16, 1878.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

BRITISH SHIP BANIAN, FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.
MELOHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 16, 1878. se16

To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

Wednesday Evening, September 18th, 1878.

By General Desire,
THE ROYAL ENGLISH OPERA
AND
OPERA BOUFFE COMPANY
Will Repeat
CFFENBACH'S COMIC OPERA
"GENEVIEVE DE BRABANT,"
In Four Acts.

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Philibert (Squire to Charles Martel).....Mr G. HODSON.
Grab (The Bold).....Mr H. VERNON.
Piton (Gendarme).....Mr J. ROLLINGS.
Brigitte.....Miss A. DRAGGAR.
Genevieve.....Miss OLGA STANLEY.
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"THE BALCONY DUET."
"THE SONG OF THE PIE."
"THE CROWING CHORUS."
"THE PAGE'S SONG."
"CHARLES MARTEL'S DEPARTURE FOR PALESTINE."
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Hankong, September 16, 1878. se19
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Society will be held at its Head Office, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 30th Instant, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of Receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statements of Accounts for the Year 1877, and for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.
The Transfer BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from the 30th to the 30th Instant, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board,
N. J. EDE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, September 16, 1878. se1

FOR HAMBURG (DIRECT).
The German Schooner "JAPAN," Captain OTTMANN, will be despatched as above on or about 22nd Proximo.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
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Hongkong, September 16, 1878.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Sept. 14, H.M.S. Kestrel, gunboat, H. Edwards, Shanghai Sept. 6.
Sept. 16, Ningpo, British steamer, from Canton.
Sept. 15, Hesperia, German steamer, 1136, P. Paulsen, Fuchow Sept. 13, Tea.—SIEMSEN & Co.
Sept. 15, Hamburg, German barque, 347, H. von Kroge, Hamburg April 11, General.—EDUARD SCHELLHASS & Co.
Sept. 15, Hoi ching ching, Chinese R.C., from a Cruise.
Sept. 15, Sully, French barque, 387, Bars, Newchwang Sept. 2, Beans.—CARLOWITZ & Co.
Sept. 15, Louis Eugens, French barque, 438, Menard, Kobe Sept. 6, Wheat.—CARLOWITZ & Co.
Sept. 16, Banian, British ship, 780, Grandin, London May 25, General.—MELOHERS & Co.
Sept. 16, John Potts, British barque, 378, McPherson, Newchwang Sept. 3, Beans.—CHINESE.
Sept. 16, W. E. Gladstone, Brit. barque, 534, Gallachan, Patrow Aug. 31, Rice.—CAPTAIN.
Sept. 16, Norreman, Siamese ship, 777, J. L. Hellstrom, Bangkok Aug. 25, General.—CHINESE.
Sept. 16, Fortuna, Siamese barque, 480, C. T. Peterson, Bangkok Aug. 22, General.—TACK MEN.
Sept. 16, Challenge, British barque, 699, James R. Doughty, Cardiff May 9, Coal.—CHINESE.

DEPARTURES.

Sept. 15, China, for Canton.
15, Hoi Chung Ching, for a cruise.
15, Quarka, for Saigon.
16, Catherine, for Choofoo.
16, Elisabeth Child, for Newchwang.
16, Balaury, for Valparaiso.
16, Sago, for Quilicoa.
16, Emerald, for Manila.

CLEARED.
Maritime Union, for Callao, Fuyoo, for Shanghai.
St. Adresse, for Newchwang.
Madeline, for Honolulu.
Ocean King, for Shanghai.
Sin Taiwan, for Takow.
Asia, for Shanghai.
Olympia, for Swatow.
Yess, for Coast Ports.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.
Per Hesperia, from Fuchow, Mrs Penner.
DEPARTED.
Per Emerald, for Manila, Hon. C. C. Smith, Mr G. A. K. Honey, 1 European, and 150 Chinese.
Per Quarka, for Saigon, 150 Chinese.
Per Sago, for Quilicoa, 3 Chinese.
TO DEPART.
Per Fuyoo, for Shanghai, 65 Chinese.
Per St. Adresse, for Newchwang, 1 European.
Per Madeline, for Honolulu, 20 Chinese.
Per Ocean King, for Shanghai, 1 European.
Per Asia, for Shanghai, 20 Chinese.
Per Olympia, for Swatow, 50 Chinese.
Per Yess, for Coast Ports, 1 European, and 150 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The German steamer Hesperia reports: Strong N.E. monsoon throughout.
The French barque Louis Eugens reports: Fine weather throughout.
The British barque W. E. Gladstone reports: Light S.W. winds down the Gulf of Siam, from Pulo Obi to the Paracels light variable winds and squally weather, thence to port strong E.N.E. winds and squally weather with heavy thunder, lightning and rain, and a high Northerly swell.
The Siamese barque Norreman reports: Left Bangkok on the 25th August, light winds and calms the whole passage until yesterday, when a strong E.N.E. wind set in, which lasted to port; fine weather throughout.
The Siamese barque Fortuna reports: Left Bangkok on the 25th August, down the Gulf of Siam calms and light winds from S.E. to S.W., afterwards light variable winds and squally the whole passage, high N.N.E. sea from Macleodfield Bank to port, last two days had strong Easterly winds.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—
For SHANGHAI.—
Per Ocean King, at 8.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 17th inst., instead of as previously notified.
Per Ningpo, at 3.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 17th inst.

For SWATOW.—
Per Olympia, at 10.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 17th inst., instead of as previously notified.
For MANILA.—
Per Libby, at 11.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 17th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For SINGAPORE, LONDON, AND HAMBURG.—
Per Hesperia, at 11.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 17th inst.

For EASTERN AUSTRALIA, &c.—
Per Somerset, at 2 p.m. To-morrow, the 17th inst., instead of as previously notified. 12 cent rates.

For AMOY AND MANILA.—
Per Ensay, at 3.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 17th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For HOIHOW AND HAIPHONG, (with Mails for Pakhoi and Hanol).
Per Karo, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 17th inst.

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—
Per Paladin, at 1.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 19th inst.

For SAIGON.—
Per Bellona, at 3.30 p.m., on Friday, the 20th inst.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.—
The British Contract Packet Kheide will be despatched with Mails for the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, Gibraltar, Europe, and countries served through London, on SATURDAY, the 21st inst.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the Australian Colonies, E. or S. Africa, nor for Mauritius.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—
Friday, 20th inst.—
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes.
6 p.m., Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Saturday, 21st inst.—
7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.
10 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry ceases.

10.15 a.m., Letters may be posted with LATE FEE of 18 cents extra to Postage till

11 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.
11.30 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom via Brindisi, or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage, till

11.50 a.m., when the Mail is finally closed.
Hongkong, Sept. 9, 1878. se21

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—
The French Contract Packet Kheide will be despatched from Hongkong on SATURDAY, the 28th inst., with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Madras, Suez, Gallie, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Réunion, Mauritius, Suez, and Alexandria. This is the best opportunity for forwarding Correspondence to E. Africa, the Cape, St. Helena, and Ascension.

Letters may also be forwarded to INDIA by this Packet.
The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—
Friday, 27th inst.—
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Saturday, 28th inst.—
7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.
Hongkong, September 14, 1878. se23

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.
9 a.m.—Ocean King leaves for Shanghai.
11 a.m.—Olympia leaves for Swatow.
Noon.—Somerset leaves for Cooktown, &c.
Noon.—Albay leaves for Manila.
4 p.m.—Ningpo leaves for Shanghai.

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, September 18:—
Daylight.—Karo leaves for Hoihow, &c.
9 p.m.—Meeting of Victoria Lodge.
Argentine leaves for London on or about this date.

Opera Bouffe at the City Hall.
THURSDAY, September 19:—
2 p.m.—Paladin leaves for Singapore, &c.

FRIDAY, September 20:—
Strathleaven leaves for London on or about this date.
Regent leaves for Manila.
Transfer Books of Union Insurance Society of Canton, closed from this date to 30th Instant, inclusive.

SATURDAY, September 21:—
Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

WEDNESDAY, September 25:—
Southern Cross leaves for Manila on or about this date.

MONDAY, September 30:—
3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, at its Head Office, Hongkong.

TUESDAY, October 1:—
3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

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Hongkong, June 1, 1878.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, SEPT. 16, 1878.

We scarcely understand a notification in the Government Gazette of Saturday stating that "His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to grant leave of absence to the Hon. Cecil C. Smith, Treasurer and Registrar-General." It is a matter of common notoriety that, in leaving this Colony for Manila, Mr Smith finally ceases his labours as a Government official here, and that he will return to Hongkong merely to proceed on at once to Singapore to take up his appointment as Colonial Secretary of the Straits Settlements.

Granting Mr Smith leave of absence means, we must presume, the payment of his salary until that leave of absence expires. Although Mr Smith returned from an extended leave of absence only about twelve months ago, we should not be inclined to offer the least objection to the Government dealing as liberally as possible with so able an official as himself, but there is a smack of what we must call "maneuvering," for lack of a better term, in granting leave of absence to an official who has actually ceased his labours here to take up an appointment elsewhere, that will scarcely tend to increase public esteem for our local Administration. The authorities here know perfectly well that Mr Smith has actually left the service of the Colony, and why then is he gazetted as absent on leave? In Manila he will doubtless be employed on account of the Imperial Government, and it is to be hoped the Imperial Government will pay for his services there, notwithstanding that the Administration is pleased to notify that he is merely absent on leave. Obviously it would be a rotten system under which an official of the Government here would receive his salary after he has resigned his position and left the Colony.

In another column we publish some correspondence that has passed between the Acting Colonial Chaplain and the Government relative to the employment of Chinese, and other labour, in Government departments on Sundays. This is, we believe, the first occasion on which the Rev. Mr. Davys has afforded evidence of his existence in the Colony by venturing on the platform of public questions, and it must be admitted that he has struck the right nail on the head in this instance, apparently with very satisfactory results. Unquestionably the employment of Chinese and other labour in the Government departments is an evil, which it is very desirable to stop. We go even further, and state our impression that a check could be advantageously placed on the amount of work that is done in our commercial houses and among the shipping in the harbour on Sundays. There may be special reasons why work in connection with shipping should be done here while it is interdicted at other ports, but we do

not think they would be found sufficiently weighty, on close investigation, to counterbalance the salutary advantages of one day in the seven being entirely free from the wear and tear, worry and trouble of business. The Government could no doubt readily put a stop to the existing state of things by prohibiting the working of licensed cargo boats, and other such craft, on Sundays, although we should hesitate to recommend the taking of this step without further consideration. Europeans can only regard with disfavour the Chinese and Japanese custom of working on the whole seven days of the week. Putting aside the fact that it is in consonance with the views of the bulk of Western people that one day out of seven should be set apart to afford special opportunities for religious observances, it does seem to Europeans that we should have periodical breaks in physical and mental labour to prevent prostration of the powers of body and mind. We almost feel bound to assume that if there were no cessation of labour, excepting our nightly rest, decrepitude and, possibly, more or less weakening of the brain, must ensue. It must be confessed however that facts in this part of the world do not appear to bear out such an assumption. The Chinese labour from day to day, from week to week, and from month to month, in the majority of cases on the meanness of sustenance, and in the wretchedest of habitations, and yet they live to an old age, and work twelve hours, or more, a day. It seems to us that one of the reasons why the Chinese, labouring much longer periods without cessation, are wanting neither in health nor longevity, lies in the fact that they, as a people, escape the mental worry and exertion that falls to the lot of most nations in the West. A European would probably be no better able to support his health and spirits labouring as the Chinese do than he would had he to exist in their squalid and confined habitations on their pitiful diet.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Fenicia, with the next English mail, left Singapore at 6 a.m. on Sunday, the 15th inst.

By a misprint it was stated by us on Saturday that the str. Ocean King would have to discharge her cargo by "post-mark." It should have been by "port-mark."

The man Newman was again brought before the magistrate to-day, charged with wilful murder, and again remanded; the woman Louisa Lookhardt being still unable to attend.

Mr J. J. Francis took his seat for the first time this morning, as Acting Police Magistrate, but he does not appear to have been overburdened with work in his new duties to-day.

The British ship Banian reports:—On the 13th June, spoke the Niagara, from Hamburg to Hongkong, 26 days out, in lat. 32.18 N., long. 16.18 W., on the 2nd inst., the Guam, from Hongkong to England, 15 days out, in lat. 2.1 N., long. 103.28 E.

CAPTAIN TUCKER did not leave this on Friday as we were led to suppose, although the divers and several necessaries went on in the Yotting. The Yotting was it appears towing a lighter from which the operations are to be conducted, and whilst steaming out, the harbour officials went alongside, and would not allow the lighter to proceed, as they considered her unsafe. She has had to have a rail placed round her, and new covers for her hatches, and will leave this in tow of the Olympia. It is perhaps fortunate she did not leave on Friday considering the bad weather outside.

Our announcement of Saturday, that a Commission had been appointed to inquire into the state of the accounts in the Supreme Court, is officially made in the Gazette. It empowers the Commissioners "to inquire into the practice and procedure respecting the receipt, custody, management, and disbursement of all moneys or valuable securities coming into the hands of all officers attached to the Supreme Court." We have already named the gentlemen composing the Commission.

The Band and Pipes 74th Highlanders will perform on the Parade Ground to-morrow night, commencing at 9 p.m. The following is the programme:—

BAND.
March,.....Alameda.....Buchanan.
Overture.....Rob Roy.....Foster.
Selection.....William Tell.....Rossini.
Valse.....Doctrien.....Gung's.
Selection.....La Fuglia del.....Donizetti.
Galop.....Night Bull.....Clarke.
Ms J. Buchanan, Bandmaster.

IFERS.
March,.....Grey Duck.
Do.....Tah her aye.
Do.....Jenny's Banquet.

had been thrown from the daily steamer. The opium was captured by the mandarin who ordered this to be done, and it is well for him that it was so, as we believe, that it would not have been sufficient excuse for him to have proved merely intent to smuggle. It is seldom that such extreme measures are taken to catch a smuggler, and the news of this affair has apparently proved a check for a time.

The heavy sea running on Friday and Saturday nights has done some little damage to the boats and landing stages, although fortunately without occasioning any loss of life. The Victoria Recreation Club's Bath-house suffered considerably, nearly all the bamboo screen being either loosened or entirely removed, and no little damage was inflicted on the piles themselves. Yesterday morning numbers of bamboos could be seen floating in and around the enclosure and sticking up in the middle like spikes, the sea meanwhile bearing them about in a manner which might have warned anyone of the danger of bathing. Nevertheless a few were found hardy enough to venture, their love of a plunge being greater than their fear of consequences.

From a proclamation, which appears in Saturday's *Government Gazette*, we are apprised of the fact that "Her Majesty's Gracious Confirmation and Allowance" of the Appropriation Ordinance for 1878 has been received in a despatch from Sir Michael Hicks-Beach. As this Ordinance, which is the authority upon which all public moneys are paid in this Colony during the current year, was passed by the Legislative Council on the 19th of November 1877, it seems strange that Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies has again fallen into similar delay to that which was spoken of in such regrettable terms about this time last year. It is true that the formal sanction of the Home authorities is more or less a farce in these telegraphic days, as no important step is now taken without the consent and approval of the Colonial Office. But the broadness of the public grin might be modified if the official permission to spend the money were given before three-fourths of the year's expenses were paid. It is not improbable, also, that some poor Government servant may have been left out in the cold, so far as allowance or increase is concerned, until the formal confirmation arrived.

The civil proceedings arising out of Mr. Hoffman's defalcations appear to move in a most mysterious way. A few days after the late Deputy Registrar absconded, a petition was presented to the Court, in which Mr. Plunket, the Registrar (good-naturedly acknowledging himself responsible for the payment of all moneys that were missing), sought to make the absent defaulter a bankrupt. This having been, as we must presume it was, considered by the Court, the prayer of the petition was granted, and Mr. Hoffman was adjudicated a bankrupt a day or two after the application was made. Now, according to the law and the practice, this was all wrong; and, upon Mr. Francis, instructed by Mr. Denny, appearing to-day to challenge the decision, the whole proceedings were quashed as irregular. The self-alleged debt was not owing directly to Mr. Plunket, the legal number of days were not allowed to lapse before adjudication, nor was any notice to show cause given to the defendant; and so forth. Mr. Francis therefore succeeded in upsetting this somewhat extraordinary proceeding; and we fancy that the course now to be pursued will be for one of the creditors on account of the Lyall, Still & Co. dividend to move the Court.

The sixth performance of the Royal English Opera Company was given at the City Hall Theatre on Saturday evening to a well filled house. We do not remember any Company, during the last ten years, that has drawn such large audiences for several successive nights as the present one. The piece selected for performance on Saturday was Donizetti's opera "La Fille du Régiment." It was not one of the most successful performances of the Company, not through any fault in the singing or acting, but from the second-rate nature of the opera itself. Neither the songs nor the scenes will bear any comparison with those in such operas as "Satanella," "Maritana," or "Ginevieve de Brabant." Miss May sang and acted with her customary ability and effect, and as usual obtained some enthusiastic bursts of applause, despite the mediocre but nevertheless difficult character of the songs. Mr. Vernon's make-up as "Sergeant Sulpice" was simply splendid, and there must have been some difficulty in recognising him at his first appearance on the stage. His rendering of the character was in every way successful. Mr. Rollings was scarcely as successful as "Tonio" as he has been in his previous parts. Mr. Hegemann's rendering of the "Duo de Grandtête" was very funny, and drew forth some applause. Not less amusing was Mr. G. Hodson as "Hortensius;" in fact this performer's rendering of his part was very good and deserving of special note. An interesting variation in the evening's entertainment was a violin solo by Miss Clara Stanley, that young lady's graceful handling of the bow and winsome face gaining for her two or three encores, we are not quite sure which. The Company must however try to be a little more punctual, as the audience was kept waiting fully twenty minutes, and became a little impatient in consequence. Mr. Pinazzi as usual contributed much to the success of the entertainment by his skilful accompaniments on the piano. On Wednesday the Company repeat the performance of "Ginevieve de Brabant."

A GOVERNMENT notification appears in the *Gazette* concerning a pension and second gratuity granted to a Chinese Constable named Chan Nam, who joined the Force on Nov. 16, 1868. Captain Deane having suggested that this pension should be commuted, and the man paid up in full, the Governor appends the following minute to the application of the Captain Superintendent:—"The manifest advantages of having Government pensioners amongst the natives in this Colony and its neighbourhood are so great, that whenever the law allows it, I prefer to pension Chinese, instead of giving them lump sums, as the latter practice needlessly severs their useful and loyal connection with this Government. Let Police Constable Chan Nam therefore be placed on the pension list, in accordance with the provisions of Section XII. of Ordinance No. 9 of 1863, and after the usual report of the Auditor General has been approved."

We cannot see any reason why the Government should not maintain the "useful and loyal connection" of ex-constables, if that connection is of sufficient importance either in quantity or quality to justify it. Ex-constables may be very usefully employed as quiet observers and detectives in many ways, and their behaviour might be well regulated by means of their dependence upon such pension. The medical certificate granted by the Colonial Surgeon in reference to this case is appended, but is not of the slightest importance save for its claims to preservation as a "stiff" paper to be translated at the next competitive examination. It reads:—"This man is healthy and as regards that there is no objection to his pension being commuted, but he is old, 57 years of age. I do not know if that is against it, judging from his appearance he may reach a very advanced age." Any cynical reader, after endeavouring to analyse the above, might, in view of a recent police case, sniff fustil oil; but we believe that the Doctor is generally more careful with his English.

There is yet another notice in the *Government Gazette* which is of considerable interest—viz., that of the examination of candidates for the vacant post of sheriff and clerk at the Supreme Court, and the appointment of Mr. Chun Shing Hong to the position competed for. The examiners seem to have obtained the services of a most suitable man for the post, to judge from the marks which are recorded for the successful candidate; and as we believe the Court requested that a competitive examination should be held on this occasion, while Mr. Plunket appears to have satisfied himself by a preliminary examination, all parties ought to be pleased. But this is not the most important feature of the incident. The present examination has formed the occasion for the resurrection of the Board of Examiners—an institution which disappeared from view many months ago, and about which not a little skirmishing has been caused in official circles. When His Excellency was meditating one of his earlier experiments touching education, this Board suddenly and mysteriously ceased to exist; and upon inquiries being made as to "who killed Cook Robin?" the dissolution was by some credited to Mr. Hennessy, by others to Mr. Austin, while it was whispered that suicide was the verdict most suitable for the occasion. At all events, competitive examinations conducted independently of this Board proved a lamentable failure, and the principle of such tests was being well nigh upset, when some of the members were persuaded to reappear. As we have from the first advocated that this Board should assume a position somewhat analogous to that of the Civil Service Commissioners at home, it is with satisfaction we note the revival of the institution, engaged as it is in its legitimate duties. It is to be regretted, however, that (besides the absence of Mr. O. C. Smith) only two of its former members now appear at its resurrection. Mr. Lister, who was a very useful member, does not seem to have responded to the call, and probably does not believe in the second advent of this important body. Notwithstanding these drawbacks, there can be no doubt that the Board of Examiners has a great future before it, if all the interpreters subordinate clerks and have to be selected for the public service in accordance with its views and judgements.

The *Ceylon Observer*, of the 16th August, has the following paragraph in its London correspondence respecting Sarawak and Sabah:—

A telegram received by a friend from Rajah Brooke of Sarawak announces that he will be home in England by October next. He doubtless contemplates opposing in person the pretension set up by the concessionaires in the Borneo scheme, who, as I informed you, are also expected in England; those pretensions being considered by Mr. Brooke to be seriously detrimental. If allowed, to the prosperity of his little independent state, which, under his rule and that of his celebrated father, has achieved remarkable success. Fears are entertained here that Mr. Brooke, the acting Governor for Borneo, was not so positive in his action at the time the concessions were made as he should have been, and that the Sultan of Brunei and Sultan of Sarawak, through him, the approval of the British Government. Rumour also says that the Spanish Government has protested strongly against the concession, as being opposed to the articles of some treaty into which it had entered with those Sultans subsequently to the signing of the treaties made with the British some 28 or 30 years back.

SUNDAY LABOUR IN HONGKONG.

The following correspondence is published in the *Government Gazette* of Saturday:—

Hongkong, 15th May, 1878.
SIR,—I consider it my duty to submit for your consideration the necessity which seems to me to exist for discontinuing, as far as possible, the employment of Chinese, and other labour, in Government Departments, on Sunday. Highly appreciating Your Excellency's cordial interest in the well-being of the Native population, I am induced to believe that the subject will, if it has not done so already, engage your anxious attention. Although, unfortunately, opinions differ among Christians as to the lawfulness of secular recreations on the Lord's day, I am not aware but that the keeping it as a day of rest from manual labour, is a duty acknowledged by all. And the terms of the Commandment which describes our Sabbath obligations, since they include "the Stranger that is within our gates," doubtless embrace the population who are residing here under our National laws and protection. If circumstances could be pleaded in extenuation of the neglect of this subject in past years, the admirable opportunities presented by the settled and flourishing condition of the Colony, seem to make the imperative for dealing with it now in another manner. I earnestly hope, then, that Your Excellency and Council will be of opinion that all Chinese coolies, and other labour, on Sundays, under ordinary circumstances, should be abolished in Government works; and that this proviso be made in future contracts. The objections which may be raised against this course will be found, I am convinced, inconsiderable, and will be altogether outweighed by its advantages, in the fulfilment of a duty, setting an example of consistency, and bestowing great physical benefits on a large number of industrious labourers; besides tending to promote the observance of the Sabbath, generally, amongst the native and foreign community. It is probable, too, that one cause of the absence of progress in the arts of civilization, together with the long contentment under debasing superstitions seen in heathen lands, and so notorious in China, may be not a little due to the want of that divinely appointed season of repose which enables the human mind to invigorate itself by reflection and rest. For these reasons, and for many others which will present themselves to Your Excellency, I trust that you will be induced to adopt the best and speediest means to relieve the Colony from the demoralization caused by the employment of Chinese labour under Government authority; and thereby set a befitting and standard for the practice of private individuals, and our Commercial Firms—I have the honour to remain, Sir, Your Excellency's obedient servant,
EDMUND DAVES,
Acting Colonial Chaplain.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 16th May, 1878.
REV. SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant, and to inform you that His Excellency the Governor agrees with me as to the desirability, if practicable, of stopping all Sunday labour in Government Departments, and that he will give the whole subject his best consideration.—I have the honour to be, Rev. Sir, your most obedient servant,
J. M. PRICE,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Rev. Edmund Daves, M.A.,
Acting Colonial Chaplain.
Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 24th August, 1878.
REV. SIR,—Adverting to my letter No. 403 of the 16th May, I have the honour to inform you that Governor Pope Hennessy, having carefully considered the objections you have taken to the practice of Sunday labour by Government employees, which has prevailed in Hongkong for many years past, has given instructions that His Excellency hopes will put a stop to all labour of the kind in future, except that which may be absolutely necessary and unavoidable.—I have the honour to be, Rev. Sir, your most obedient servant,
J. M. PRICE,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Rev. Edmund Daves,
Acting Colonial Chaplain.
Police Intelligence.
(Both Magistrates sitting.)
16th September, 1878.

Before J. J. FRANCIS, Esq.
BUTTING BARTH.
Wong Aam, a bricklayer, was charged with cutting soil on the hill side. He admitted the offence, and was discharged, with a caution.

LARGENT.
Lung Lam, a boatman, pleaded guilty to stealing a jacket. Nothing was known as to his antecedents, and he was sent to 14 days' hard labour for simple larceny.

Before C. V. ORRICH, Esq.
OUR SERVANTS.
Wong Aam, a servant to Mr. Cooke, of the Patent Ship and Cook Company, was charged by his employer with stealing a bottle of brandy. It appears that defendant

had been sent to a store-room to get a bottle of soda water, he being entrusted with the key for that purpose. There were eight bottles of brandy in the store-room; and one of these was found to be missing. He was subsequently discovered under defendant's bed. Defendant endeavoured to throw the blame on the coolie, but this was proved to be in order to screen himself. He was sent to 2 months' hard labour.

TO-DAY'S FINES.
Wong Aon, servant unemployed, stealing \$4 from a fellow-passenger's box. Two months' hard labour.

Tsing Ahing, a fisherman, stealing clothing. Gambling and showing a desire to raise the wind. Ten weeks' hard labour.

Li Ayan, marine hawker, stealing planks from a shop at Wellington Street. Two months' hard labour.

Henry Kroye, steward, American ship *Southern Cross*, drunk and incapable. Fined \$1.

Thomas Hutchinson, fireman, British steamer *Ocean King*, ditto. Fined 60 cents.

Wong Aping, a gardener, unlawful possession of a cat. Fined \$1.

Thomas King, engineer unemployed, drunk and incapable. Fined 60 cents.

Chan Ahing, master of a rubbish boat throwing rubbish into the harbour. Fined \$5.

Manuel Gomes, seaman unemployed, drunk and incapable. Fined \$1.

Marine Court.
(Before J. P. McEuen, Esq., Acting Marine Magistrate.)
16th September, 1878.

REFUSAL OF DUTY.
Charles Conway and James McCann, seamen belonging to the British ship *Maritime Union*, were charged with refusing duty on board their ship. It appears the defendants bear a very bad character. The 1st is the same man who insulted the Rev. Mr. Henderson at the Sailors' Home on two occasions, and the 2nd had been sent here by the General at some outpost, for having left his ship to go for some trivial reason. They both shirked for some time, and received \$3.50 advance; the Superintendent of the Sailors' Home cashed their notes, and would of course have to suffer the loss. The ship was to have left the harbour this morning, but the defendants refused to work. When asked the reason, they told the Captain that they had some clothes at the Home. The Captain promised to make enquiries, and did so, but the people at the Home said they had no clothes there. The Captain was very anxious to get away, so offered to supply them with clothes as soon as they got to sea, and they then said they would rather take three months than go in the ship.

The defendants told the Magistrate that there was nothing to eat on board the ship. The Captain replied that none of the other men had ever complained, and there were twenty-four on board.

His Worship sentenced them to 10 weeks' hard labour.

USING ABUSIVE LANGUAGE.
John Lord, seaman of the British ship *Ocean King* (Captain Roper), was charged with using abusive language towards the boatswain (W. K. White). The words complained of were "don't make such a b—noise." This was said whilst the defendant was aloft sending the fore gaff topsail down. Captain Roper told the boatswain to call defendant down from aloft, and he did so.

Captain Roper said that the boatswain appealed to him for protection against such language, and was fined 10 shillings.

THE "BALCARRY."
Thomas Peart, Harry Andrews, William Jones, Charles Walker, August Linstrom, and John Davies, seamen British barque *Balcary*, were charged a second time with refusal of duty; of Saturday and again to-day. On Saturday they had agreed to pay the amount of the mates' advances amongst them; as it appears that the cause of their refusing duty was that they could not get along with the mate. The mate, however, refused to be so discharged. The men, it appears, had nothing to complain of against the mate, who had only joined the ship a few days, but that he did not act as the former mate was in the habit of doing. The Captain gave the men a very good character up to this time. They were fined 12 days' pay and he sent on board their ship again.

CORRESPONDENCE.

FLOGGING OF CRIMINALS IN HONGKONG.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."
Hongkong, Sept. 16, 1878.
SIR,—I was very much interested, as no doubt many of your readers were, with the Return of all prisoners who had been sentenced to be flogged from 22nd April to 22nd July 1878, published in the *Mail* of the 2nd September. The list however to me is most incomplete, because it does not give any information as to the date of carrying out the sentence, and also the term of imprisonment which was to accompany the flogging.

On looking over the list of the 23 sentenced by the Police Magistrate I find 8 Sentenced to 20 strokes.
1 " 12 "
10 " 10 "
2 " 7 "
4 " 5 "

Most of these cases were, I am led to understand, very mild cases indeed, in fact not worth reporting in your paper, as I can find no record of many of them, such as rogues, vagabonds, larceny (I suppose petty not with violence, as I think they will be found to be of tender years though old to crime).

There is an impression abroad in Hongkong that many of those 23 sentenced to be flogged completed their short terms of imprisonment and got out of goal before the approval of the flogging came from the Governor, and that His Excellency should be regarded as a "bummer man" by those natives who live by crime, and who can carry on their calling in defiance of our Police, till they have inaugurated a reign of terror which banishes comfortable sleep from many a couch.

If the public can be supplied with the date of the various floggings, and terms of imprisonment, it will complete the present list.

I am, Yours, &c.,
OFTEN WIDE AWAKE.

Manila.

(Translated from our Manila Exchanges.)

The British barque *Lord of the Isles* was successfully towed into Manila, by the str. *Maetan*, on the 7th Sept.

The fine house in Nagtahan, belonging to the estate of Russell & Sturgis, will be put up at auction again on the 18th Sept., for the upset price of \$14,000.

It appears that the crown which ornamented the Cenotaph at San Agustin Church on the occasion of the obsequies of the late Queen Mercedes, presented by the British residents, will be forwarded to England, to be sent to H. M. the King Alfonso, as a mournful present in memory of the irreparable loss he sustained.

It is said that a fine garb, embroidered in gold, is actually being prepared by desire of the Governor General to be sent as a present to the Sultan of Sooloo, with whom he has recently concluded an advantageous peace.

A fire broke out in San Fernando, in the province of Union, which, considering the importance of the place, is very disastrous in its effects. Over fifty houses were burned down, including that of the Chinese opium farmer, and property to the amount of \$50,000 destroyed.

News from Pangasinan to the 21st Aug. is that in nearly all the districts the people are troubled by the locusts, and for want of rain there is little hope of a rice crop next year. The trade is totally paralysed. The schooner *Registo*, arrived from Sual, brought back the greater part of the cargo she carried to that port in June last; after discharging, possibly she will take a cargo of sapanwood for Hongkong.

Notia, Aug. 22.—The famine is increasing, and there occurred at one time that in a single village from 25 to 30 deaths are reported daily. The Ital. barque *Francesco* left for the Channel with 145,067 kil. sugar and 7,591 kil. sapanwood; the American barque *Francis B. Fay* left for New York with 1,441,500 kil sugar; and the Amer. schooner *Frank Lambirth*, left for Sandyhook with 607,136 kil. sugar and 6,325 kil. sapanwood. In port: Papa Risotto, Figgona, Sarah Nicholson, Kate Waters, Lalra, Herwig, Vesta, and Taffarete.

Straits.

(Singapore Daily Times.)

We are authorised to state that it is the intention of His Highness Rajah Brooke to return from England to Sarawak in April next or earlier. The Rajah's visits to England, whenever they have taken place, have always been for short periods, and there is no intention of change, as a paragraph from a home paper might lead people to believe. H. M. S. *Fly*, Captain McNeil, R. N., left the anchorage yesterday evening, (Sept. 4th) on a short tour to Malacca and Klang, and the *Legation*, Captain Scott, which arrived here on the 30th ultimo from Sarawak, is the only man-of-war at present stationed in the harbour here.

Six Chinese coolies who were, some months ago, engaged by a Chinese Broker here to proceed to Indragiri, in Dutch Territory, were, upon their arrival there, as was reported by one of their number who escaped and returned here, sold by their Towkay to a Malay in Indragiri, who insisted upon cutting off their tails and transforming them into Mussulmans. To this proceeding the coolies strongly objected, but the Malay, by force, so it is said, succeeded in depriving two of the Chinamen of their tails, and executing other rites necessary to their becoming true sons of Islam. A report of the circumstance was made to the Chinese Protectorate here, and Mr. W. H. Read, the Consul General for the Netherlands, was communicated with, with the result that the Dutch Government at once despatched a special steamer from Rho to Indragiri to arrest the Chinese Towkay, against whom the complaint was made, and release the coolies in question from any further service to the Malay to whom they are said to have been sold. The coolies and the Towkay have been sent here by the Dutch Government and proceedings will be taken against the former under the Crimping Ordinance.

The following finding of the Marine Court of Enquiry into the loss of the S. S. *Civie* is published in the *Gazette* for general information:—

"From the evidence given it appears clear that the ship was not in the position stated by the Captain in passing Ujong Raja, and that the ship must have been much nearer to the shore than he imagined.

We also consider that he should have taken precautions to prove where he was, in such a night as he described, by using the lead as well as the patent log.

We therefore think it necessary to suspend his certificate for the space of six months, with recommendation that he may be allowed to act during that term as Chief Mate. The greatest blame, however, is due to the Chief Mate, to whose immediate fault the loss of the ship is due; he disobeyed the direct orders of the Captain by altering the ship's course to half a point further south and also showed great carelessness. We suspend his Certificate for the space of one year without any recommendation."

(Sd.) E. E. ISAWOGER,
Commissioner, Court of Requests and Acting Senior Magistrate of Police, Penang, President.

(Sd.) T. A. FOX,
Lieut. R. N. R. J. P., Harbour Master.

Nautical Assessor and Surveyor for Lloyd's Agents.
E. ULDELL,
Master S. S. Sharpshooter and Nautical Assessor.

Finding confirmed.
(Sd.) WILLIAM C. F. ROBINSON,
30th August, 1878.

The following finding of the Marine Court of Enquiry into the loss of the British barque *Lanore* is also published in the *Gazette*:—

"We the undersigned, having by command of His Excellency the Governor of the Straits Settlements, held an Enquiry into the loss of the British barque *Lanore* of Sunderland, Official No. 88,864, 834 tons register, according to Ordinance XXVI. of 1870, do hereby find that the said vessel left Singapore on the 9th July, 1878, with a general cargo bound for Marseilles, and that she was wrecked on the 21st July, by striking on an unknown reef near Nangke

Island in the Carimata Strait. The master deserves a very severe censure for adopting the track he did, instead of the usual and comparatively safe course through the Carimata Passage.

"Great neglect was shown by the master in not having a masthead look-out while navigating waters so full of dangers, and also so imperfectly surveyed, as he himself must have perceived by the absence of soundings on his own chart, which is one of the latest date.

"Taking into consideration, however, his expressed intention of anchoring before dark, his inexperience of Eastern Seas, and his general good conduct, we now return to him his certificate of competency with a very severe reprimand and caution.

"The mate's certificate is also returned, and we consider that he and the rest of the crew did their duty under the circumstances.

"We are of opinion that the master of the *Glengarry*, of Quebec, was wanting in his duty as a shipmaster, in not tendering assistance to the distressed vessel.

"In conclusion, we have great pleasure in bringing to the notice of His Excellency the Governor the great assistance rendered and the hospitality shown to the master and crew of the *Lanore* by the Netherlands authorities, and the manager of the tin mines at Biliton.

"Given under our hands at Singapore, this 20th August, 1878."

(Signed) W. A. PICKERING,
Magistrate and President of the Court.

(Signed) HENRY ELLIS, Assessor.

(Signed) E. M. SMITH, Assessor.

The S. S. *Voorwaerts*.—As stated in a former issue the S. S. *Voorwaerts* was duly towed into harbour and anchored; the berth she originally took not being found either convenient or considered safe, inasmuch as it was far outside the shipping and nearly midstream, arrangements were made to shift the vessel in closer, and under pilotage charge this was attempted, however, the vessel grounded on a sand bank and here she lies at the present moment. Strenuous endeavours are being made to get her off during these present spring tides, and so far as we can learn, the vessel is in no immediate danger and even if she does not come off now, as soon as she is lightened, no difficulty, it is expected, will be experienced in getting her clear eventually. The Pilot who was told off to shift the vessel by the Harbour Master is, we understand, to be tried for allowing the vessel to ground.

The attempts made to get the above vessel off have not been successful and all further operations are suspended till the next spring tides. On Thursday the S. S. *Madras* endeavoured to tow her off; she was so far successful, that the bow of the vessel was fetched away from the bank before the turn of the tide, but during the night, unfortunately, although two anchors were attached to her bows, she drifted back again. Yesterday two other steamers, the S. S. *Riga* and tug boat *Heron*, aided the *Madras* in her endeavours to get the vessel off, but owing to the fall of the tide the joint exertions of the three steamers could not move her.

The latest news from Acheen received in Penang up to the 28th August was, we learn from Reuters Agents, in the following effect:—

"The second Dutch reinforcements, about 2,500 men, including a battery of artillery, had arrived, and operations were going successfully without any important engagement having taken place. There was a large force operating in the heart of the Acheen position, advancing with comparatively little loss. The health of the troops was rather unsatisfactory, sickness being on the increase, owing to the rainy weather."

Quotations.

HONGKONG, September 16, 1878.
OPIMUM.—New Patna, cash, \$608 a 607½ credit, —
" Old Patna, cash, 672½ a 675 credit, —
" New Benares, cash, — credit, None
" Old Benares, cash, 642½ a 645 credit, —
" New Malwa, cash, 755 a 775 credit, 780 a 780
" Allowance Taels, 12 a 24 credit, —
" Old Malwa, cash, — credit, —
" Allowance Taels, —

Exchange.

Bank, on demand, ... 3/8
" 30 days' sight, ... 3/8
" 6 months' sight, ... 3/8
Credit, ... 8/8
Documentary, 6 months' sight, 8/8
Bombay, demand Rupees, ... 22½
Calcutta, ... 22½
Shanghai, demand, ... 72½
" 30 days, ... 73½
English Sovereigns, ... 6.82
Australian Sovereigns, ... 6.82
Bar Silver, 17, dwts. B., ... 108½
Syces, ... 8
Mexicans, ... 14½ counted
Gold Loan, ... 27.10
Discount, ... 8 to 9 p.c.

Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 88 ½ p.c.
Union Ind. Society of Canton, 91,800
China Traders' Ins. Co., 61,875
Yangtze Ins. Assn., Tls. 16
Chinese Insurance Co., 485
North China Ins. Co., Tls. 1,225
H. K. Fire Ins. Co., 6050
China Fire Ins. Co., 6243
H. K. & W. Dock Co., 328 ½ p.c.
H. K. O. & M. S. Boat Co., 614 ½ p.c.
Shanghai Steam Navigation, Tls. 40
China Coast S. Nav. Co., Tls. 104
Hongkong Gas Co., 697½
Hongkong Hotel Co., 885
China Sugar Refining Co., 1185
Chinese Imperial Loan, 2104.
Do. of 1877, 4168.

Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs. Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, September 16, 1878.
BAROMETER—9 A.M. ... 29.850
Do. 1 P.M. ... 29.854
Do. 4 P.M. ... 29.850
THERMOMETER—9 A.M. ... 83
Do. 1 P.M. ... 85
Do. 4 P.M. ... 84
Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. ... 77
Do. 1 P.M. ... 77
Do. 4 P.M. ... 77
Do. Maximum ... 85
Do. Minimum over night ... 78

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR. HENRI VINAY has been Appointed AGENT for the COMPTEUR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS, at Hongkong. Mr. ERNEST SCHEVELLIN will have power to act at the same place in Mr. VINAY'S absence.

E. G. VOUILLEMONT,
Manager,
COMPTEUR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS,
SHANGHAI.
Shanghai, September 6, 1878.

WITH Reference to the above, I have This Day OPENED the AGENCY of the COMPTEUR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS, at the Office of Messrs. RUSSELL & Co.

H. VINAY,
Agent.
Hongkong, September 12, 1878. ool2

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having This Day Purchased the STOCK IN TRADE, Book Debts, and Goodwill of the CHINA DISPENSARY hitherto Carried on by Mr. W. BAILL, will conduct and carry on the said Business (in connection with the VICTORIA DISPENSARY) on his own Account from This Date.

WM. CRUICKSHANK,
Hongkong, August 31, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned begs to notify that the MITSUBI BUSSAN KAISHA of Yokohama, Japan, has opened a Branch in this Port, and the Undersigned has been appointed their Agent in Hongkong.

HEROMICH SHUGIO,
Office No. 4, Club Chambers,
Hongkong, August 19, 1878. ool9

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. ARTHUR OHART in our Firm CHAMBERS on the 31st December last.

J. INGLIS & Co.
Hongkong, June 13, 1878. ool3

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned, HOP YEE & Co. of HOWARD'S Godowns, No. 239, Shek Tsing Tzei, begs to notify that the said Company is not nor will be responsible for any Debts contracted by any of the Firm's employees or Partners. Also, no Debt, if any, can be deducted from the Rent Payable to the said Company. The Company is only responsible for those Accounts, which are confirmed and signed by Mr. CHU WING ON himself, of the Kung Yeh shop, Wing Lok Street.

HOP YEE & Co.
Hongkong, September 18, 1878. ool3

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the Undersigned in the Chinese Mail, 華字日報 (Wah Tze Yat Po), which from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged the services of Mr. LEONG YOK CHU, as Translator and General Manager of the newspaper, which under its new regime will be found to be, as hitherto, an excellent medium for advertising, especially as the Manager is able to devote his whole attention to the conduct of the Newspaper.

KONG CHIM,
Lessee of the Hongkong Chinese Mail,
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

NOTICE.

IN Reference to the above, the Undersigned has LEASED the Chinese Mail from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged the services of Mr. LEONG YOK CHU, as Translator and General Manager of the newspaper, which under its new regime will be found to be, as hitherto, an excellent medium for advertising, especially as the Manager is able to devote his whole attention to the conduct of the Newspaper.

KONG CHIM,
Lessee of the Hongkong Chinese Mail,
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

To Let.

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THREE OFFICES, in Club Chambers, The BUNGALOW, No. 2, Shelley Street.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, September 10, 1878.

TO LET.

HOUSE No. 9, Queen's Road Central, with Godowns attached.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, September 2, 1878.

TO LET.

IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65, formerly known as the Blue Houses, situated on Praya East:—

FIRST FLOOR AND BASEMENT of No. 2, Praya East, either separately, or together, as required, with immediate possession.

HOUSE No. 3, Praya East. The whole House or in Flats, with immediate possession.

SIX SPACIOUS ROOMS, with Corridors and Out-houses in the DWELLING HOUSE, to the Eastward of the Pier at Wanchai. These may be had in Apartments of Two or Three Rooms to suit convenience. Fine spacious Verandah looking on the Harbour. Immediate Possession.

TO LET.

FIRST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS, attached to Blue Houses at Wanchai, Marine Lot 65.

For further particulars, apply to

MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, August 16, 1878.

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Apply to
TURNER & Co.
Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

Mails.



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THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship **KHEDIVE**, Captain J. D. STEWARD, will leave this on SATURDAY, the 21st September, at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to
A. LIND, Superintendent.
Hongkong, September 9, 1878. ool21

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL AND UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES AND ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "GAELIC" will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 1st October, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 30th September. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day: all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PASSAGE TICKETS.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 97, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.
Hongkong, September 11, 1878. ool

WASHING BOOKS.
(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

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THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS in Hongkong for the above-named Company, are prepared to Grant Policies against FIRE on Buildings and on Goods to the extent of \$50,000, at the usual Rates, subject to an immediate Discount of 20 per cent.

Attention is invited to a considerable reduction in Premium for Life Insurance in China.

MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, August 13, 1878.

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

HENRY B. HYDE, President.
J. W. ALEXANDER, Vice-President.
SAMUEL BORROW, Secretary.
A. A. HAYES, Jr., General Manager, for China and Japan.

PRINCIPAL OFFICE,
120, BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

Assets.....\$31,700,000
Surplus.....\$ 5,600,000

THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS in Hongkong, China, for the above Company, are prepared to Accept Risks at greatly reduced rates and upon terms very favourable to the assured.

For full information and particulars, apply to

OLYPHANT & Co.,
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Hongkong, January 21, 1878.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents, Royal Insurance Company,
Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1808.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, July 4, 1878.

INSURANCES.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two-Thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT & Co.,
General Agents,
Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

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NORTON & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
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THE LONDON ASSURANCE

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER.

His Majesty King George The First, A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.
Policies at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.
Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.
Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary,
Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL—Fully Paid-up.....Tls. 420,000
PERMANENT RESERVE....." 230,000
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND....." 104,000

Total Capital and accumulations.....Tls. 754,000

Directors:

F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.
M. P. EVANS, Esq.,
C. KERR, Esq.,
Wm. METZGER, Esq.,

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POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the World, at current rates.

Subject to a charge of 12% for interest on Shareholders' Capital, ALL THE PROFITS OF THE UNDERSIGNED BUSINESS will be annually distributed among all Contributors of Business in proportion to the premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, May 10, 1878.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late arrivals and departures reported to-day.

Vessel's Name.	Agent.	Captain.	Flag and Reg.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers								
Albat	5	F. Ashton	Brit. str.	366	Sept. 13	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Manila	To-morrow
Asia	6	Diorth	Dan. str.	880	Sept. 7	Siemens & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Bellona	2	C. Ahrens	Ger. str.	789	Sept. 9	Wm. Pustan & Co.	Saigon	20th, 4 p.m.
Bombay	2	h	Brit. str.	749	Feb. 12	Kwok Acheong		
Cebu	1	Juchasagar	Span. str.	330	Aug. 28	Russell & Co.		
China	4	Alderton	Brit. str.	1036	Aug. 27	F. & O. S. N. Co.		
Emu	4	Blanco	Span. str.	223	Sept. 14	Remedios & Co.	Yokohama	Sands' Slip
Emeralda	4	Oullon	Brit. str.	393	Sept. 14	Russell & Co.	Manila	To-morrow
Fame	6	Sopani	Brit. str.	117	Sept. 14	H. K. & W. Poo Dock Co.	Manila	To-day
Hesperia	4	Orond	Chi. str.	920	Sept. 14	O. M. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
Karo	4	Paulsen	Ger. str.	1136	Sept. 15	Siemens & Co.	London & Hamburg	To-morrow
Kienchow	4	Colling	Brit. str.	979	Sept. 13	Meyer & Co.	Hollow & Harburg	15th, daylight
Kwangtung	2	h	Brit. str.		Sept. 13	Kwok Acheong		
Lorne	4	McQuillan	Brit. str.	675	Sept. 14	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Coast Ports	
Mayenne	3	Yin Chun Yau	Anna str.	1035	Sept. 2	Melchers & Co.		
Nippon	4	Cass	Brit. str.	781	Sept. 15	Siemens & Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
Norma	3	h	Brit. str.	606	Sept. 14	Kwok Acheong	Shanghai	To-morrow
Ocean King	5	Roper	Ger. str.	2449	Sept. 14	Russell & Co.	Swatow	To-morrow
Olympia	2	Nagel	Ger. str.	783	Sept. 11	Kwok Acheong	Shanghai	To-morrow
Orissa	4	Briseoe	Brit. str.	1647	Sept. 5	F. & O. S. N. Co.	Saporo and Penang	18th, daylight
Paladin	5	Parker	Brit. str.	896	Sept. 2	Hop Kee	Coast Ports	To-morrow
Perin	3	Jones	Brit. str.	1016	Sept. 6	Holiday, Wise & Co.		
Sea Gull	3	Roberts	Amer. str.	448	July 18	W. H. Ray		
Somerset	5	Greene	Brit. str.	654	Sept. 10	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Am. Ballan Ports	To-morrow
Tahiti	5	Marcelle	Foh. str.	1756	Sept. 10	Messageries Maritimes	Yokohama	To-morrow
Yaso	5	S. Ashton	Brit. str.	559	Sept. 10	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Coast Ports	To-morrow
Sailing Vessels								
Ada Melmore	3	Sowell	Brit. bge.	568	Sept. 13	Meyer & Co.		
Albert Russell	3	Carter	Amer. bge.	782	July 15	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York	
Alceste	3	Trail	Brit. bge.	898	Sept. 11	Borneo Co., Limited	New York	
Aldebaran	3	Cole	Brit. bge.	398	Aug. 30	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Newchwang	
Angostura	4	Boysen	Ger. bge.	418	Aug. 31	Carlowitz & Co.	Newchwang	
Arctide	3	Kahaye	Fch. bge.	399	Sept. 4	Carlowitz & Co.	Newchwang	
Athens	4	Findlay	Brit. bge.	605	July 15	Olyphant & Co.	New York	
Banlan	4	Grandin	Brit. sh.	780	Sept. 15	Melchers & Co.	New York	
Benelactor	4	Hayden	Amer. bge.	596	Aug. 2	Russell & Co.	New York	
Berle Biglow	3	Ferguson	Brit. sh.	1142	July 29	Meyer & Co.	London	Wanchai Pier
Borneo	7	Shaw	Amer. sh.	786	Sept. 11	Meyer & Co.		
Bremk	4	Timpe	Ger. bge.	380	Sept. 8	Wieler & Co.		
Brunette	2	Dow	Brit. bge.	374	Sept. 12	Geo. R. Stevens & Co.		
Centennial	1	Beane	Amer. sh.	1286	Aug. 21	Russell & Co.	Portland (Oregon)	
Charles Monro	2	Quatreous	Foh. bge.	858	Sept. 11	Landstein & Co.		
Charlotte Andrews	3	Piace	Brit. bge.	856	June 18	Rosario & Co.	Malbourne & Sydney	
Civile	3	Nissen	Ger. bge.	879	Sept. 11	Siemens & Co.		
Cosmo	3	h	Amer. sh.	188	Sept. 11	W. H. Ray		
Cosmo	3	Laverlo	Brit. sh.	1220	Sept. 13	F. & O. S. N. Co.		
Dartmouth	7	Robertson	Brit. sh.	915	Aug. 6	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Dharwar	3	Freebody	Brit. sh.	1300	Aug. 17	Gibb, Livingston & Co.		
Dirigo	3	Staples	Amer. bge.	684	July 14	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Hamburg	
Emilio V.	7	Grillon	Ital. bge.	724	Sept. 8	D. Musso & Co.		
Esperance	3	Schwet	Fch. bge.	372	Sept. 10	Carlowitz & Co.	Bangkok	
Formosa	3	h	Ger. 3m. sh.	282	Sept. 10	Melchers & Co.	Ralphong	
Golden Spur	3	Paxroll	Brit. sh.	656	Sept. 4	Meyer & Co.		
Golfair	4	Donist	Span. bge.	542	July 11	Chinese		
Hall Columbia	4	Bretonen	Amer. sh.	383	Sept. 18	Eduard Schellhaus & Co.	Newchwang	
Hamburg	3	Kroge	Ger. bge.	347	Sept. 18	Eduard Schellhaus & Co.		
Helene	3	Volquardsen	Ger. bge.	372	Sept. 14	Wieler & Co.		
Highlander	1	Hatchinson	Amer. sh.	1352	June 19	Captain		
Holstein	3	Shaw	Brit. bge.	822	Sept. 8	Rosario & Co.		
Hyacinth	2	Scott	Brit. bge.	848	Aug. 29	Arnold, Karberg & Co.		
Hyacinth	4	Green	Ger. bge.	494	Sept. 9	Wieler & Co.	Chetco	
Japan	3	Ottmann	Ger. 3m. sh.	270	Sept. 10	Siemens & Co.		
John Potts	3	McPherson	Brit. bge.	878	Sept. 16	Chinese		
Joseph	3	Rogers	Amer. sh.	1470	July 18	Russell & Co.	San Francisco	
Koror	3	Winther	Dan. bge.	240	Sept. 11	Captain	Java	
Lizzie Perry	3	Laib	Dan. bge.	817	Sept. 9	Meyer & Co.		
Lottie Moore	4	Pitman	Brit. bge.	1123	Aug. 26	Russell & Co.	New York	
Louis Eugene	4	Hudson	Amer. bge.	880	July 22	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York	Wanchai Pier
Madeleine	4	Bernard	Foh. bge.	438	Sept. 15	Carlowitz & Co.		
Maritime Union	4	Fatau	Foh. bge.	418	July 22	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Honolulu	
Mary Fraser	7	Ellioth	Brit. sh.	1600	Aug. 22	Messageries Maritimes	Calao	Cleared
Minna	1	Dexter	Brit. sh.	1174	Aug. 11	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York	
Min-yon	3	Cass	Ger. bge.	457	Sept. 8	Meyer & Co.		
Moscow	7	Leslie	Brit. sh.	1109	Sept. 8	Olyphant & Co.		
Nicola Glen	4	Nichols	Brit. bge.	821	Aug. 11	Gibb, Livingston & Co.		
Nicolaus	2	Stalken	Ger. sh.	543	May 29	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	London	
Northern Star	2	Stalken	Ger. sh.	543	Sept. 11	Arnold, Karberg & Co.		
Pandur	3	Wortley	Brit. bge.	827	Sept. 11	Chinese		
Paralos	3	Janson	Ger. bge.	598	Sept. 18	Siemens & Co.		
Paul Marie	3	Pasco	Foh. bge.	342	Sept. 7	Carlowitz & Co.		
Peri	3	Gallard	Foh. bge.	824	Sept. 12	Carlowitz & Co.	Newchwang	
Phillip Fitzpatrick	3	Luhra	Ger. bge.	276	Sept. 11	Eduard Schellhaus & Co.		
Preto	4	Phelan	Amer. bge.	582	Sept. 12	Douglas Lapraik & Co.		
Regent	2	Laidman	Amer. sh.	384	Sept. 5	Meyer & Co.		
R. Hay	2	Bowdoin	Brit. bge.	930	Aug. 8	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Manila	
Rosale Well.	2	Noolton	Brit. bge.	290	Sept. 11	Turner & Co.		
S. G. Pinkham	2	Welt	Amer. sh.	1378	Aug. 21	Captain	Coast Dock	
Saga	2	Pinkham	Amer. sch.	128	Sept. 15	Gibb, Livingston & Co.		
Santa Bell	2	Pinckham	Swed. bge.	455	Aug. 29	Wieler & Co.	Quinhon	
Southern Cross	3	Ditchburn	Brit. sh.	812	July 16	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	San Francisco	Cleared
Stanfield	3	French	Brit. sh.	1161	May 27	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	London	
Steadfast	5	Hughes	Amer. sh.	1129	Aug. 20	Russell & Co.	Manila	
St. Adress	4	Dudley	Brit. bge.	670	Aug. 29	Borneo Co., Limited	Manila	
Strathern	8	Leary	Fch. bge.	690	Aug. 29	Carlowitz & Co.	Newchwang	
Sully	4	Anderson	Brit. bge.	1101	Sept. 2	Messageries Maritimes	Portland (Oregon)	
Sunmatta	3	Bara	Foh. bge.	387	Sept. 15	Carlowitz & Co.		
Sumner R. Mead	4	Olong	Amer. sh.	1090	Sept. 8	Russell & Co.		
Tek L.	2	Dixon	Amer. sh.	1117	July 15	Russell & Co.	New York	
Torio	2	Peterson	Ger. bge.	350	Sept. 18	Wm. Pustan & Co.	Newchwang	Sands' Slip
Trowbridge	2	Baker	Dutch bge.	268	Sept. 10	Siemens & Co.		
Tyburnia	4	Stapledon	Brit. sh.	1287	Aug. 19	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Java	
Tyburnia	4	Goldor	Brit. bge.	948	June 19	Olyphant & Co.		
Tyburnia	8	Sachs	Ger. bge.	486	Aug. 22	Wieler & Co.		
Tyburnia	8	Ribeiro	Port. bge.	403	Aug. 7	Remedios & Co.		
Tyburnia	8	Gallohan	Brit. bge.	584	Sept. 16	Captain		
WHAMFOA								
Wensburg		Jacobson	Dan. bge.	365	Sept. 12	Eduard Schellhaus & Co.		
CANTON								
Wing		Ackermann	Ger. str.	648	Sept. 16	Siemens & Co.	Shanghai	